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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
WILLOW BOULEVARD/A-SITE of the Allied Paper/Portage
Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site taken before Alison R.
Huffman, CSR-0945, Certified Shorthand Reporter and Notary
Public, at the Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 South Rose Street,
Kalamazoo, Michigan on August 3, 2005 commencing at 7:15 p.m.

APPEARANCES

PRESENT:

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1 MR. de BLASIO: This is the official comment
2 period, and we have a format. We have asked you to
3 register. We've had a couple people register.

4 Comments will be limited to five minutes at a
5 time and I'm going to be up here and kind of keeping
6 track. If you have more than five minutes, you're
7 welcome to get back in line and come up. I'll stop you
8 after five minutes. If you're making comments, then you
9 can come back.

10 We're doing that -- it's not that we don't
11 want to hear from you. What we're doing that for is to
12 hear from as many people as possible, so that's why we
13 put it at five minutes at a time so we can hear from as
14 many people as possible, and we appreciate you being
15 courteous to your friends and neighbors here to give
16 them a chance to speak, too, and if there's nobody else
17 waiting to speak, we'll let a person go ahead and
18 continue speaking longer, but then if somebody else
19 wants to speak and they indicate that they want to,
20 we will give the person who's speaking 30 seconds to
21 wrap it up and then let the next person speak.

22 I think you put down -- did you want to make
23 oral comments because --

24 LLOYD SCOTT: I think I already have.

25 MR. de BLASIO: -- those were not reported,

1 but I've got three lines on here, just says, "Lakewood
2 Neighborhood Association."

3 LLOYD SCOTT: Yep.

4 MR. de BLASIO: But no names.

5 LLOYD SCOTT: Oh, we signed our names.

6 I signed my name.

7 MR. de BLASIO: Not on the registration.

8 LLOYD SCOTT: Okay.

9 (Brief pause.)

10 MR. de BLASIO: Let me make a few
11 housekeeping comments here: The comment deadline is
12 August 15th and that's for comments, and written
13 comments carry as much weight as the oral comments, so
14 you don't have to feel that you're not getting the same
15 kind of consideration if you send in something in
16 writing as if you stand up and make a presentation.

17 During the comment period, the EPA does not
18 respond to questions or comments. It's the public's
19 turn to speak, so we just listen at that point, and
20 we'll address those questions and comments in our
21 Responsiveness Summary.

22 Sometimes if you get up here, you may see
23 some nodding of the heads. That doesn't necessarily
24 mean we're in agreement with what you're saying. It
25 means we're listening to what you're saying. Okay?

1 So it's a natural reflex.

2 Sometimes we may laugh; doesn't mean we're
3 laughing at you. Maybe you've said something in a funny
4 way or maybe it's amusing. We do not think that this is
5 a funny situation, so we're not laughing at the
6 situation. It just may be a particular turn of phrase
7 or something.

8 And as I said before, I'd like for you to
9 show respect to each other when it's somebody else's
10 turn to speak; let the next person come up and speak,
11 and then you can come back if you want to make some more
12 comments.

13 And one last thing, when you're making your
14 comments, we'd like for you to come to the front of the
15 room because we're having it reported and the court
16 reporter may not be able to hear you if you're in the
17 back, so if you want to project so that everybody else
18 can hear you, that's fine, but it is important that the
19 court reporter hear you, and when you do come up, we'd
20 like for you to give your name and to spell it for us so
21 that we have it accurate on the record and where you
22 live and if you represent an organization, we'd
23 appreciate you let us know that, too.

24 So I still don't see a name on here.

25 LLOYD SCOTT: Lloyd Scott.

1 MR. de BLASIO: I'm sorry. Lloyd Scott.

2 Okay. Mr. Scott, you're the first one.

3 Will you come up to the front, please?

4 Face the reporter, so she can hear you
5 better.

6 LLOYD SCOTT: Lloyd Scott, L-l-o-y-d,
7 S-c-o-t-t, Lakewood Neighborhood Association, and I'd
8 just like to know why it's taken so long. Georgia
9 Pacific has been ready to do this, just about the same
10 plan for years and why it's not done already and as the
11 lady that's taking care of it had to go to Iraq or
12 someplace and let it sit on her desk for the next five
13 years.

14 MR. de BLASIO: That's it?

15 LLOYD SCOTT: That's it.

16 MR. de BLASIO: Thank you.

17 Joan Wadsworth.

18 (Brief pause.)

19 MR. de BLASIO: State your name and spell it
20 for me, please.

21 JOAN WADSWORTH: My name is Joan, J-o-a-n,
22 W-a-d-s-w-o-r-t-h, 2915 Carlton Avenue, and my question
23 is: Why is it taking so long, also, because they told
24 us in the beginning, it was supposed to be done in 2002,
25 and I've lost four dogs through this to die with cancer,

1 and I want to know what can be done about this
2 situation.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. De BLASIO: Thank you.

5 I'm reluctant to plug in the microphone
6 because it was making so much noise.

7 (Brief pause.)

8 MR. de BLASIO: Carolyn Scott.

9 (Brief pause.)

10 CAROLYN SCOTT: My name is Carolyn Scott.

11 I live at 2905 Carlton, and it's right along the river.
12 My concern is a lot of people in our area have a lot of
13 heart and cancer problems. Most of them have lived
14 there a long time, and my family alone, my son needs a
15 heart transplant, I've had a heart transplant, my
16 husband has heart problems, not sure about my daughter
17 yet, but a lot of the young kids that grew up in the
18 area have had heart problems, and I would like an
19 investigation done. I've tried the University of
20 Michigan. I'm going to try Western Michigan University
21 to see if they can't do a study on the human health part
22 of the PCBs because it just seems like we're not a large
23 area along the river, but I think we're large enough and
24 we have all had health problems enough that it needs to
25 be studied, and that's all I have to say.

1 MR. de BLASIO: Thank you.

2 The last person I have signed up is Dayle
3 Harrison.

4 Does anybody else want to speak? I think
5 Dayle has a little bit longer presentation. Dayle also
6 has some slides, and I've talked with him before, and I
7 just want this on the record, too. He said he would
8 provide us pictures of the slides for inclusion with the
9 comments. If we don't have the pictures, we may not be
10 able to address those comments properly, so I just want
11 that on the record that we'll need pictures to go along
12 with the comments by August 15th, so --

13 DAYLE HARRISON: Well, my first comment is
14 you need to extend the public hearing process. We've
15 waited 25 or 30 years.

16 MR. de BLASIO: Want to come forward and --

17 DAYLE HARRISON: Okay.

18 MR. de BLASIO: -- state your name for the
19 record and --

20 (Brief pause.)

21 DAYLE HARRISON: Hi.

22 MR. de BLASIO: Is there anybody else who
23 wants to make any comments? Like I said, Dayle might be
24 a bit longer.

25 DAYLE HARRISON: It's my turn at the wheel

1 here. Thank you.

2 MR. de BLASIO: So want to make sure that
3 we're not excluding anybody.

4 DAWN STARKE: I want to make a comment after
5 him.

6 MR. de BLASIO: Okay. So state your name.

7 DAYLE HARRISON: Hi. My name is Dayle
8 Harrison, D-a-y-l-e. I represent the Kalamazoo River
9 Protection Association. I live in Saugatuck, Michigan.
10 Before I get into my comments, I want to give
11 you folks a little history of this site. Certainly
12 these folks here are familiar with it, how this site was
13 actually discovered.

14 About 1982, the State of Michigan passed an
15 Environmental Response Act which required companies that
16 had toxic waste sites or landfills to identify them,
17 provide a listing to the Department of Natural
18 Resources.

19 In 1985, nothing had happened.

20 In 1986, myself and Commissioner Mary Powers
21 at that time visited this site and saw there were
22 people, kids pulling night crawlers and putting them
23 into containers for sale.

24 As a result of that investigation, it finally
25 got some things motivated where we got a fence around

1 that site and we also got it listed under the Michigan
2 Environmental Response Act. So Georgia Pacific has
3 a long history here of denying these problems.

4 I want to quote from an article in the
5 Kalamazoo Gazette, Monday May 25th, 1987. It says,
6 "Kalamazoo County officials will be briefed Tuesday on
7 state efforts to remove polychlorinated biphenyls from
8 the Kalamazoo River and prevent further PCB discharges
9 into the river from Georgia Pacific Corporation."

10 Then there's a quote from Tom Sullivan, who
11 you folks probably know. Tom Sullivan was the acting
12 manager of Georgia Pacific Kalamazoo Paper Division
13 Plant. He says, "We don't feel that there is any
14 imminent or long-term health hazard connected with the
15 PCBs we've seen."

16 Shortly after that, there was a movement to
17 change the way Superfund, how they rank Superfund sites
18 under CERCLA, so at that point in time, after the
19 mid-1980s, that hazardous ranking system that's used to
20 score various sites was changed to allow for
21 environmental and wildlife considerations as a primary
22 focus, getting away from some of these toxic landfills,
23 like Love Canal and many others.

24 As a result of that and with the help from
25 federal legislators, at that time Kalamazoo was finally

1 placed on the NPL in August of 1990.

2 Even before that, back in 1986 -- 1988,
3 rather, shortly after we did our activity, there was a
4 report that was done by the consultants for Georgia
5 Pacific Corporation and, in that, one of the options
6 they talked about for cleanup was taking the
7 contamination from the Willow site, completely removing
8 it from the Willow site and putting it into the A-Site.
9 So this was something that was looked at 20 years ago.
10 That hasn't happened yet, but that's what needs to
11 occur.

12 Back in 1998, there was an interim action
13 which is what we see today at the site taken to try to
14 stabilize the banks to some extent and prevent the PCBs
15 and the residuals from the landfill from entering into
16 the river system. That was a temporary measure. Our
17 comments haven't changed on what we want to see at that
18 site from that day and from the early 1990s.

19 I talk about the need for community
20 involvement. You've talked about the need for the
21 community to speak out. Shari, you've talked about it a
22 lot. And Shari, as you know, back in April of 2002 when
23 people in our community up and down the river reviewed
24 the Remedial Investigation Feasibility Study that was
25 put forth, our group and the Kalamazoo Environmental

1 Council and many other groups went door to door, from
2 community to community, township, municipality and
3 village, up and down the river, and during this process,
4 all these communities, over 20, passed resolutions,
5 about 30 new organizations, many of them environmental
6 organizations, passed resolutions, supported
7 resolutions, and I have a copy of that here. You've
8 seen this letter, I'm sure.

9 Not only that, almost 600 letters were
10 written saying, "We want PCBs removed from the river
11 system," and they also say, "No landfills should be
12 allowed adjacent to the river."

13 Okay. So the communities already have spoken
14 very loudly about what they want in this cleanup
15 process. What's happened is the EPA hasn't heard it
16 yet, but what more can we do? Legislators, county
17 boards, all municipalities say, "We don't want any
18 landfills next to our river, we want to restore the
19 river, we want to create a recreational, tourism magnet
20 in our communities," but we haven't been heard yet, so
21 hopefully tonight, the necessary decision-makers will
22 hear our message and act decisively.

23 Our proposed preferred cleanup alternative is
24 significantly different than what the EPA has come up
25 with. Let's show a couple slides here. They can't do

1 the lights, but go ahead and let's see them anyway.

2 Go ahead.

3 (Brief pause.)

4 MR. HARRISON: Any time you're ready.

5 Kalamazoo River basin. It's about 80 miles,
6 it's impacted by the Superfund process, site process.

7 Site description. If you're looking for this
8 in the library, sometimes it's hard to find. It's
9 called the, as you can see, the Allied Paper and Portage
10 Creek Site.

11 This is the Superfund process, how it's
12 supposed to happen. You have the site discovery, which
13 we have known about since the early 1970s, but it was
14 put on the National Superfund in '90, but there were
15 lots of studies before it was put on the National
16 Priorities List in the Superfund. Substantial studies
17 were done in '86 and '87 by SDS Consultants from the DNR
18 that provided alternatives for cleaning up the river,
19 believe it or not, that were never implemented, but they
20 primarily focused on the DNR impoundment, the Residual
21 Investigation Feasibility Study.

22 We gave extensive comments, as many other
23 people did, back in 1990 outlining a work plan saying,
24 "Look, let's gets this RIFS done." We don't have the
25 RIFS done, which is fundamental. We don't even have the

1 Remedial Investigation done, which is the fundamental
2 report you need to determine the extent of the
3 contamination at the site.

4 That's the first thing the EPA and the DNR is
5 required to do. We don't know about Lake Allegan. We
6 don't know about Phase II downstream. That hasn't even
7 begun. So when we talk about doing something here, it's
8 a step forward, but it's a very minute step compared to
9 the seven million cubic yards that need to be removed
10 downstream.

11 Go ahead. Let's go to the next one.

12 The Fishing Consumption Advisory -- not very
13 clear.

14 Let's try the next one.

15 Slow down.

16 Let's go back to Georgia Pacific. There is
17 no doubt that Georgia Pacific has played a big role in
18 the contamination of our river. They have also made the
19 least amount of effort to do anything to clean it up.
20 Even at this little site we're talking about tonight,
21 they have stalled it for over 20 years.

22 Let's go to the next one.

23 I don't know if you can see very clearly, but
24 you can see the A-Site in the green and the Willow
25 Boulevard site. Can you see the edge of the river

1 there?

2 UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY: No.

3 DAYLE HARRISON: Well, I'll help you.

4 There's a focus on there, too, Bill. Can you
5 try the focus, see if you can get it a little clearer?

6 (Brief pause.)

7 DAYLE HARRISON: Here's the A-Site. This is
8 where the wall goes all along the river, and this is the
9 Willow Boulevard site. Here's the other edge of the
10 river, this side over here. As you can see, all this
11 material, a lot of material has eroded downstream, not
12 to mention the millions of pounds of PCB waste that's
13 already moved out into Lake Michigan.

14 So what we're suggesting here tonight is
15 that all the material in the Willow Boulevard site be
16 transferred over here to the A-Site. Okay? They have
17 sort of given permission for Georgia Pacific Corporation
18 to move about 35,000 cubic yards of material on the
19 other side of the highway. We want to move the 150,000
20 cubic yards back over in this area. We also want to see
21 a buffer here along Davis creek area. That's part of
22 our preferred remedy. So completely remove this, put it
23 on the A-Site, and then once that's done, come back here
24 and remove this sheet metal wall completely along the
25 front here, pull that wall back 150 feet so that the

1 edge of the landfill is about 150 feet from the edge of
2 the river, so by doing that, we're going to have a
3 eye-pleasing space once the vegetative material grows
4 back, a natural habitat, a natural corridor here
5 connecting wildlife and fisheries, restore the fishery
6 habitat, but those are the key components of our
7 preferred alternative.

8 This is another slide of the Willow site.

9 Go ahead.

10 Know what I'd like to do here? Why don't we
11 go off the record.

12 MR. de BLASIO: No, we can't.

13 DAYLE HARRISON: You guys can't do anything.
14 You just have no flexibility.

15 Anyway, let's try the next one. Let's move
16 it a lot closer. Let's move it way up here.

17 (Brief pause.)

18 DALYE HARRISON: Let's try the next one.

19 This is the way the site looked, the A-Site
20 back in about 1986. This is the corner of the landfill.
21 You can see the sludge pits right there. Some of those
22 were shoots down to the river.

23 Let's go to the next one. This is one of the
24 remedies that's been proposed along the Willow site.

25 This is what happened at the King Highway site. Anybody

1 not seen that site? This is sort of what the King
2 Highway site looks like except down there, they have a
3 nice little cyclone fence around there, sort of keeping
4 people out of there.

5 Well, we want to see you folks go back and
6 open up the King Highway road, we want to see you pull
7 back that vegetation, provide a natural buffer all the
8 way around the King Highway site as part of the
9 restoration process. Maybe you'll have to use some
10 Natural Resource Damages Assessment Monies to do that,
11 but we need to get this cleaned up and protected. We do
12 not want to see anything like this visible from the
13 river as part of our preferred alternative.

14 We would like to see a cement barrier around
15 the front of it as well as Davis Creek. We'd like to
16 see a groundwater collection system collecting leachate
17 coming from the groundwater at the bottom of the
18 landfill and monitored as part of the Final Record of
19 Decision.

20 We talked a little bit about Davis Creek and
21 providing some buffer in that area as well.

22 If you want to get an update on what's going
23 on with the Kalamazoo River, we have videos for sale,
24 little commercial, we have DVDs for 10 bucks; that's
25 about what our cost was. Gives you a lot of information

1 about the issues we're talking about, so if you want one
2 of these, we have provided them to the EPA and the DNR
3 and DEQ, but we'd like you to take a look at this.

4 We talked earlier about risk assessment.
5 I want to respond a little bit to it. Sometimes you
6 don't have the numbers, like somebody talked about, to
7 do the kind of study you want to do, but if you know the
8 people and their animals have elevated levels of PCBs in
9 their systems, whether it's four animals or 10 animals,
10 you can -- I don't know if the word is "extrapolate,"
11 but you can take that information and come up with some
12 sense that it's a significant level. Certainly we know
13 if you have high levels of PCBs in mink, probably not
14 going to find too many to sample because they're not
15 going to be around, and same with eagles; we know they
16 won't reproduce if the levels are sufficiently high
17 enough to make for reproductive failures.

18 One of the things that's not happening on
19 this river that needs to happen is the EPA needs to come
20 up and use their environmental enforcement that's
21 mandated under CERCLA and move this process along.
22 It's a political decision, we all know about it,
23 we know it's about the money.

24 Georgia Pacific Corporation in 2004 had sales
25 approximately of 45 billion dollars. We don't think

1 it is too much to come into our community and spend
2 20 million dollars for 10 years to get this river
3 cleaned up.

4 Hopefully, you'll help in the process. If
5 you haven't made comments, please do so, whether in
6 writing or here this evening and join us in the
7 community-wide effort to get this river restored.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. de BLASIO: Thank you.

10 Yes, ma'am. Please come up here and state
11 your name and address.

12 (Brief pause.)

13 MR. de BLASIO: Is there anyone else who
14 wants to make comments after this lady?

15 MR. de BLASIO: Please state your name and
16 spell it and your address.

17 DAWN STARKE: My name is Dawn Starke,
18 D-a-w-n, S-t-a-r-k-e, and basically I am representing
19 the citizens of Michigan and what I have to say about
20 some of the environmental damage that exists all over
21 this state, including this area -- you want me to talk
22 louder? Oh, I was talking too loud before.

23 And what I'd like to bring into evidence is
24 an advertisement from the National Geographic from the
25 1950s, and I'd like to give this to you as my evidence

1 of when the state was clean, when our water was clean,
2 and I live in Kalamazoo because I'm an environmental
3 refugee already from another part of Michigan that's
4 more polluted than this area, and I lived downstream
5 from a company that's dearly protected by the State of
6 Michigan and its court system, and they put
7 three-and-a-half billion gallons of toxic waste in the
8 ground since the 1930s, and I moved to get away from
9 that, so I moved to Kalamazoo.

10 Now, I don't live near the river and I don't
11 eat the fish, so basically this issue doesn't really
12 even affect me. I'm more affected by the mercury
13 emissions that comes over the lake from Chicago and I
14 have to keep my car in the garage so it doesn't eat the
15 paint off my car. Other than that, I'm not affected by
16 the river issue.

17 What makes me angry is what happened to me
18 was never addressed. The State of Michigan doesn't care
19 about me. They don't care about my health. They didn't
20 care when the things that happened to me happened to me
21 where I lived, and they don't care about these people
22 now. It's like they're waiting for them to die so
23 they'll shut up, and that is exactly how people are
24 treated in this state that are victims of environmental
25 pollution, they have had, you know, there's genetic

1 factors in the family, there's neurotoxin problems,
2 there's heart attacks, there's cancer, there's all kinds
3 of things, and it's given a blind eye by our
4 Legislature, it's given a blind eye by our U.S.
5 Government, and the corporations are always protected,
6 just like what happened in Saginaw two weeks ago with
7 the dioxin lawsuit and with how Dow was protected
8 permanently.

9 Our Court and Legislature systems have taken
10 their stand, and we know how you stand and we know how
11 the EPA stands and we know that you would evade the
12 issues, you don't fund the research because you don't
13 want to know because then we could go against the
14 corporations in court and we could hold them accountable
15 for what they do to us, the people, this is our country,
16 this is a democracy, not really, but that's what they
17 still call it and so, you know, we're out there trying
18 to convince everybody this is the way to go when we
19 can't even protect our own people from genetic problems,
20 from cancer, and no one is held accountable and it's
21 really infuriating.

22 And the Kalamazoo River, as I said earlier,
23 the company, Georgia Pacific and Allied Paper made
24 millions and millions of dollars for 100 years in this
25 community, and the people of this community sacrificed

1 throughout the years to give the profits to these
2 companies and help them grow as they did. They, without
3 any conscience, polluted our river, left us with the
4 mess and have left us with basically the problem, then
5 they go to the EPA and the state and they beg for mercy
6 and they're given mercy and the people of this city do
7 not get accountability.

8 We want this river cleaned up, we want it
9 done now, we want it done right and we want to be able
10 to fish in the river like they advertised in the 1950s
11 and eat the fish, and that's all I have to say.

12 MR. De BLASIO: Thank you.

13 Anyone else wants to make oral comments?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did you say you would
15 be answering questions after this?

16 MR. De BLASIO: No, we're not answering
17 questions.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So if I want to ask a
19 question, do I have to phrase it as a comment?

20 MR. De BLASIO: You may phrase the question
21 as a comment and we'll address it in our response to
22 your question in the formal written response.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll write it.

24 MR. De BLASIO: Thank you.

25 Yes, Dayle.

1 DAYLE HARRISON: If there's no one else,
2 I have a couple things I want to add to what I talked
3 about earlier.

4 (Brief pause.)

5 MR. De BLASIO: State your name again for the
6 record.

7 DAYLE HARRISON: Dayle Harrison.

8 One of the things I didn't talk about with
9 the Natural Resources Assessment and how that interplays
10 with the cleanup. One of the things I didn't talk about
11 earlier was how the Natural Resource Damage Assessment
12 interfaces with the Superfund process. We expected the
13 EPA is going to do the right thing here because of the
14 community needs and demands to restore the river and
15 remove that bulkhead, take the material out of the
16 Willow site and put it into the A-Site, as I talked
17 about before.

18 We also want some final resolution as far as
19 the Natural Resource Damage Assessment amounts, the
20 dollar figures in this stretch of the river,
21 particularly from A-Site down to King Highway site, but
22 then we need to revisit the King Highway site and get
23 the NRDA done for that downstream where Portage Creek
24 enters into the Kalamazoo River because that's primarily
25 Georgia Pacific's doing, and we also want those

1 residuals taken out of the river that are in front of
2 the landfill moved down to 3.3 parts per million from
3 Davis Creek downstream to Portage Creek, we want those
4 materials taken out, removed and put into the A-Site as
5 well.

6 So about the public hearing, took 20 years to
7 get this far, we haven't got it done yet, we need
8 another 45 days, minimum of 30 days, preferably 45 days
9 to bring more attention to the meeting and the issues
10 that face our community. We're not going to go back and
11 revisit every municipality that's already said they
12 don't want landfills next to the river. We have already
13 done that, and that record is going to be put into this
14 record so you folks can respond to, but we're going to
15 try to get some more comments in for you so you can have
16 no reason not to do the right thing.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. De BLASIO: Thank you.

19 Anyone else have any oral comments that they
20 would like to present?

21 You have until August 15th to make your
22 written comments.

23 There's information on the table over here
24 that has all the addresses, so if you have lost our
25 address, please pick one of those up and take it with

1 you. You can do it by e-mail, by fax or by plain
2 regular mail.

3 DAYLE HARRISON: You're not going to extend
4 the public comment period?

5 MR. De BLASIO: I can't do that.

6 DAYLE HARRISON: Who can?

7 MR. De BLASIO: I can't answer --

8 DAYLE HARRISON: Who can do it?

9 MR. De BLASIO: We can address that later on.

10 DAYLE HARRISON: Can the Region Five
11 Administrator do that? Does it take a Congressional
12 Act? Hear me out. This is the kind of BS that really
13 gets to me. You can't make a decision, but you can't
14 identify who can.

15 Can Mr. Carl make that decision? Shari, can
16 Mr. Carl make that decision to extend the comment public
17 period?

18 MS. KOLAK: Do you know how that process
19 works?

20 MS. HEJMANOWSKI: I don't know exactly how it
21 works. I know it can be extended.

22 DAYLE HARRISON: Can you check into it and
23 get back to me?

24 MS. HEJMANOWSKI: Why should it be extended?

25 DAYLE HARRISON: Because when the DNR was in

1 charge of this, for one reason, when the DEQ was in
2 charge of this, when they came out with a document like
3 this, the RIFS in 2000, we had 60 days for public
4 comment to review the extent of the documents. Here,
5 we're only asking for 30 more days, half the time. We
6 want to move forward, too, but we want to give the
7 people a chance to respond.

8 MR. De BLASIO: All right. Having heard all
9 comments from those present, we will declare the oral
10 public comment period ended for this evening. You have
11 until August 15th to send in your written comments.
12 Thank you for attending. This meeting is over.
13 Thank you.

14 (At about 7:55 p.m. hearing concluded.)
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CERTIFICATE

State of Michigan

County of Van Buren

I, Alison R. Huffman, Certified Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for Van Buren County, Michigan, do
hereby certify that the foregoing EPA Hearing was taken
before me at the time and place hereinbefore set forth.

I further certify that the EPA Hearing was taken in
shorthand and thereafter transcribed by me and that this
is a true and accurate transcript of my original
shorthand notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 4th day of August, 2005.



Notary Public in and for Van
Buren County, State of Michigan

My commission expires August 19, 2007